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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AIRCRAFT PURCHASE AND OTHER GULF AIR
DEVELOPMENTS

1. THE MAY 16 EDITION OF THE TIMES OF OMAN REPORTED THE DECISION
BY GULF AIR'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO PURCHASE FIVE BOEING 737
AIRCRAFT. THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GULF
AIR DEAL THAT WE HAVE SEEN IN OMAN. ACCORDING TO THE TIMES
OF OMAN, THE GULF AIR ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THE 737 PURCHASE WAS
NECESSITATED BY THE EXTENSION OF GULF AIR'S ROUTES IN EUROPE
AND THE NEED TO OFFSET "THE EFFECTS OF MONOPOLY OVER AIR
TRANSPORT SERVICES PROVIDED BY CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES."

2. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT OMAN DGCA SALIM BIN NASSIR AL BUSAIDI
(NOW THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF GULF AIR) HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS
GULF AIR CHIEF EXECUTIVE. SALIM BIN NASSIR IS NOW RESPONSIBLE
FOR ALL GULF AIR'S ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS, AND THE POSITION
OF GROUP GENERAL MANAGER WILL BE ABOLISHED.

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